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In Re Application of: MCLEARY, ET AL.

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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Dear Examiner Stinson:

This is responsive to the initial office action, mailed January 12, 2007.

Please delete pending claims 1 - 6 and substitute new claims 7 - 9, as set forth on the following pages.